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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/45/750)]

45/97. Right to development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the proclamation by the General Assembly at its forty-first session of the Declaration on the Right to Development, 1/

Recalling also its resolutions and those of the Commission on Human Rights relating to the right to development, and taking note of Commission resolution 1990/18 of 23 February 1990, 2/ endorsed by the Economic and Social Council by its decision 1990/225 of 25 May 1990,

Reiterating the importance of the right to development for all countries, in particular the developing countries,

Mindful that the Commission on Human Rights has entered a new phase in its consideration of this matter, which is directed towards the implementation and further enhancement of the right to development,

Having considered the report on the Global Consultation on the Realization of the Right to Development as a Human Right, 3/

1/ Resolution 41/128, annex.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 2 (E/1990/22), chap. II, sect. A.

3/ E/CN.4/1990/9/Rev.1.

Reaffirming the need for an evaluation mechanism so as to ensure the promotion, encouragement and reinforcement of the principles contained in the Declaration on the Right to Development,

Aware of the interest in participation in the Global Consultation expressed by several Member States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations,

1. Takes note with interest of the report on the Global Consultation on the Realization of the Right to Development as a Human Right, which was organized by the Secretary-General in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 44/62 of 8 December 1989;

2. Expresses the hope that Governments, United Nations bodies and organs and specialized agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations, including those active in development and human rights, will submit, at the request of the Secretary-General based on Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/18, additional, updated and more specific views and concrete comments and proposals for further international and national action aimed at strengthening existing, or creating possible new, mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights, taking into account the ideas contained in chapter VII of the report on the Global Consultation and the views expressed on the issue during the debate at the forty-sixth session of the Commission, including the creation of a group of experts;

3. Reiterates the need for a continuing evaluation mechanism so as to ensure the promotion, encouragement and reinforcement of the principles contained in the Declaration on the Right to Development;

4. Requests the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and the Centre for Human Rights to continue co-ordination of the various activities with regard to the implementation of the Declaration;

5. Urges all relevant bodies of the United Nations system, particularly the specialized agencies, when planning their programmes of activities, to take due account of the Declaration and to make efforts to contribute to its application;

6. Urges the regional commissions and regional intergovernmental organizations to convene meetings of governmental experts and representative non-governmental and grass-roots organizations for the purpose of seeking agreement on arrangements for the implementation of the Declaration through international co-operation;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-seventh session and the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system on the implementation of the Declaration;

8. Calls upon the Commission to continue to make proposals to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the future course of action on the question, in particular on practical measures for the implementation and enhancement of the Declaration, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Global Consultation and replies received;

9. Decides to consider this question at its forty-sixth session under the item entitled "Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms".

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14 December 1990